Minutes

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

July 31, 2026

Board members present:

President Roy Catania Treasurer Michael Logoluso Director Matthew Toste

Director Jeremy Seibert

Board members absent:

Secretary Bernard Puget

Public present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins	Grecia Enns	Dave Holland	Seth Kirk
George Kirk	Bitta Toor	Frank Cozzi	John Gaugel
Maryse Suppiger	559-269-2352	559-469-7589	559-448-8000

1. **Call to Order:** President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 11:40 A.M.

2. **Approval of minutes of Regular GSA-GSP Meeting of April 28, 2026**

   M/S Michael Logoluso and Jeremy Seibert to approve the minutes of Regular GSA-GSP meeting of April 28, 2026.

Director Catania	Aye
Director Logoluso	Aye
Director Puget	Absent
Director Seibert	Aye
Director Toste	Aye

   The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

3. **Discussion regarding violation of Regulations Regarding Registration of Wells and Metering of Groundwater Extraction (Toor Farming, LLC)**

   Legal Counsel, Dave Holland, opened this item by giving a brief explanation of the violation and previous efforts to coordinate with Toor that were unsuccessful. Mr. Bitta Toor explained to the Board his current position and situation. He explained that there were health issues that prevented him from appearing at the hearing and there was a delay in replacing meters. Mr. Toor requested that penalties be waived due to now being in compliance. Currently, Toor Farming, LLC has completed all requirements for Well and Meter Registration. The board will consider this information in closed session.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**
    a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
    Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case

5. **Report out of Closed Session**
The Board has taken into consideration the correspondence sent to Toor numerous times via email and mail. The Board took into consideration all circumstances Mr. Toor presented, and while the policy penalty fee totals over $30,000, Toor will only be held responsible for the time spent on this case by the District's engineer and administrators, totaling $4,375.50. Toor Farming, LLC will be invoiced for this amount. Mr. Toor acknowledged the fee and thanked the board for their consideration. Staff will send an invoice to Mr. Toor that will be due within 30 days.

6. **Well Meter and Registration process update**
The District is essentially fully compliant now. All data is undergoing a QA/QC and review to ensure it is complete. Most meter data is being provided regularly. A quarterly email will be sent out to ask for well construction by 2029.

7. **Pumping Limit Policy Annual Review, Consider Resolution**
Hopkins provided an update to the pumping limit policy. It became effective January 1, 2026 and growers are being tracked by metered groundwater extractions. The District will send out quarterly updates, and will invoice every 6 months. A penalty fee will be applied to those that exceed their annual pumping limits. Currently no penalty fees have been incurred due to current pumping limits not being exceeded yet. Current extractions are still having a negative effect on the Sustainable Management Criteria. Hopkins presented a proposed reduced pumping limit and an increased penalty fee that would be implemented beginning January 1, 2027, as described in Resolution 2026-01. The Proposed pumping limit is 2.4 AF/Ac from the upper aquifer and 0.8 AF/Ac from the lower aquifer. The proposed Tier 1 penalty is $40/AF and the Tier 2 penalty is $80/AF.

M/S Mathew Toste and Michael Logoluso to approve Resolution 2026-01 *Resolution Adopting Groundwater Pumping Limits and Penalty Fees for Calendar Year 2027*.

Director Catania	Aye
Director Logoluso	Aye
Director Puget	Absent
Director Seibert	Aye
Director Toste	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

8. **Well Permit Verification Status**

Hopkins provided a status update on the eight active well permits. Five more wells are complete, leaving three wells that still needed to submit information. The remaining wells have outstanding post-construction submittals. PG&E has presented delays for growers to complete the post-construction submittals. Staff will continue to follow up monthly with active permits. Grant funds can be used for the subsidence benchmarks required to be installed under the policy. Benchmark locations have been marked and are in progress. There have been no new requests for new wells.

9. **Water Rights Update**
   Hopkins reported at this time staff are evaluating the water availability analysis and attempting to resolve protests. Staff are continuing to meet with SWRCB on a monthly basis. Concurrently, staff is trying to coordinate with the CVFPB to discuss flood triggers and coordination of CVFPB with SWRCB. The District is currently preparing a minor change petition for the water rights application.

10. **Chowchilla Bypass Project Update**
    Hopkins reported that the bypass turnout project is complete. Staff efforts have shifted to basin construction. Basin plans have been reviewed by NRCS and comments are currently being addressed. The two main comments are fencing and spillway design. There is a scheduled call with NRCS to discuss and resolve the design. Plans and specifications are essentially done and are ready to go out to bid once it is cleared with NRCS.

11. **GSP Implementation Update**
    The District has transitioned away from the coordination committee, and now functions as a JPA. There was a basinwide meeting on subsidence with DWR, and a coordination meeting with the Kings Subbasin. An SMC review will be provided in October to the board.

12. **Grant Update**
    Joe Hopkins presented the status of the DWR Round 1 SGMA grants. The Chowchilla Bypass Project has utilized full $1,000,000 available for construction. The payments have been submitted to the State for reimbursement. The Data Gaps Project has been completed with the monitor well construction completion that utilized the $134,000 grant fund (Those funds have been received). The GSP Revision funds of $50,000 have been received. The Composite Well Pumping Study is complete with a budget of $45,000. The District is in process of receiving the $891,000 from NRCS. Basin plans have been completed and were submitted to NRCS and comments are being resolved. All grants have been essentially completed.

13. **Data Collection Efforts**
    The District will coordinate with affected landowners for August 2026 Depth to Water data collection for only representative sites.

14. **Other business to come before the Board**
    a. No other business.

15. **Public comment**
    A question was asked regarding meter readings and pumping.

a. Is the District pumping less? Response: The data is currently showing pumping is less than what was forecasted.
b. If there is a big storm in the future, will penalty fees still be applied if more water is available and more water is pumped as a result? Response: The allowed pumping may be adjusted in special circumstances.
c. What is the cap on the pumping penalty? Response: SGMA allows up to $500 per acre foot.

16. Next meeting October 27, 2026

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:

Bernard Puget, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Roy Catania, President